

response to the first Office Action is due by December 18, 2001, therefore, this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 14-16, 18-20, 29-31, and 33-35 without prejudice, and add new claim 36. All pending claims are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. A sports commemorator comprising:

 a cover;

 a support formed with forward and rearward portions;

 said forward portion having an open interior for displaying a picture on a layer and an object superimposed with said cover, said picture and said object being related to a sport;

 said cover formed with first and second transparent portions, said first transparent portion serving to buttress said layer, said second transparent portion serving to receive said object;

 a forward interface between said forward portion and a peripheral portion of said cover; and

 a rearward interface between said layer and said rearward portion, wherein said forward and rearward interfaces serve to secure said cover and said layer for displaying said picture and said object in said open interior.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein said cover comprises a transparent member.

6. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein said first transparent portion is formed substantially flat, and wherein said second transparent portion is formed with a chamber having sufficient space to substantially cup said object.

7. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein said support includes at least one of a frame and a backing.

8. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces comprises at least one of a stop and a fastener.

9. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces is formed integrally with said support.

10. The commemorator of claim 1 in combination with said object, wherein said second transparent portion substantially cups said object.

11. The commemorator of claim 1 in combination with said object and said layer with said picture, wherein said picture is superimposed with said object.

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12. ~~The commemorator of claim 1 in combination with said object and said layer with said picture, wherein said picture is associated visually with said object.~~

13. ~~The commemorator of claim 1 in combination with said layer with said picture, wherein said picture comprises a photograph.~~

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. ~~A sports commemorator comprising:~~

~~a transparent member;~~

~~a support formed with forward and rearward portions;~~

~~said forward portion having an open interior for displaying a picture on a layer and an object superimposed with said transparent member, said picture and said object being related to a sport;~~

~~said transparent member formed with an expanse including a hollow protuberance, a section of said expanse serving to buttress said layer, said hollow protuberance serving to receive said object;~~

~~a forward interface between said forward portion and a peripheral portion of said transparent member; and~~

~~a rearward interface between said layer and said rearward portion, wherein said forward and rearward interfaces serve to secure said transparent member and said layer for displaying said picture and said object in said open interior.~~

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. The commemorator of claim 17 wherein said section of said expanse is formed substantially flat, and wherein said hollow protuberance has sufficient space to substantially cup said object.

22. The commemorator of claim 17 wherein said support includes at least one of a frame and a backing.

23. The commemorator of claim 17 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces comprises at least one of a stop and a fastener.

24. The commemorator of claim 17 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces is formed integrally with said support.

25. The commemorator of claim 17 in combination with said object, wherein said hollow protuberance substantially cups said object.

26. The commemorator of claim 17 in combination with said object and said layer with said picture, wherein said picture is superimposed with said object.

27. The commemorator of claim 17 in combination with said object and said layer with said picture, wherein said picture is associated visually with said object.

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28. The commemorator of claim 17 in combination with said layer with said picture, wherein said picture comprises a photograph.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. A method for displaying a sports-related object and picture, the method comprising:

selecting a support having an open interior;

selecting a cover having a transparent expanse with a transparent chamber;

superimposing the transparent chamber over the object in the open interior;

superimposing the transparent expanse over the picture on a layer in the open interior; and

securing the object and the layer in the open interior, whereby the object and the picture are displayed.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising visually associating the picture with the object.